

PALMER BACKDOWN BLOW TO 'RED' BILLS

Attorney-General Accused of Getting "Cold Feet" on Sedition Measures.

ATTACKED IN THE HOUSE

Move Made to Force His Appearance or Pigeonhole New Legislation.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Attorney-General Palmer's suddenly changed position as to sedition legislation caused a storm of criticism as the House Rules Committee resumed its hearings to-day on the measures framed to stamp out radicalism among American citizens.

Representative Rodenberg (Ill.) declared that Mr. Palmer's action was "a clear case of cold feet." The Attorney-General, Mr. Rodenberg said, previously had announced his support of legislation virtually the same as the Sterling and Graham sedition bills and early in the week had made a visit to the floor of the House to ask Representative Campbell (Kan.) that he might appear as the first witness in support of the legislation.

As a result Mr. Rodenberg will make a motion at the meeting to-morrow that the committee insist upon the appearance of Mr. Palmer that his exact views may be obtained. In this Mr. Rodenberg probably will have backing of the Republicans on the committee. It was indicated by several members to-day that unless the Attorney-General appeared and showed that the present laws were insufficient in the campaign against radicalism the committee would allow all the sedition legislation to be pigeonholed.

"The Attorney-General's position yesterday seems to me to be a direct reversal of his previous statements, and I believe the committee is entitled to know the reason for this sudden change," Mr. Rodenberg told the committee. "Mr. Palmer has endorsed both the Sterling and the Graham bills, according to my information, and it is certain that his statements on the sedition problem were responsible for the bills that have been reported by the Judiciary Committee of both houses. Early this week he asked to be the first witness before the committee in support of this legislation, while yesterday we received a letter withdrawing this support and giving no real explanation for his failure to appear before the committee. It seems to me a clear case of cold feet."

The attack on the Attorney-General was answered by Democratic members of the committee. Representative Pott (N. C.) declared he was convinced there were "cold feet" nearer home than the Attorney-General's.

While hearings were continued by the committee debate on the sedition question broke out on the floor. Representative Husted (N. Y.) defended the Graham bill, while Representative Buddleton (Ala.) and Browne (Wis.) opposed it.

Witnesses before the Rules Committee to-day, all of whom were against the bill, were Alfred Bettman, Cincinnati, former Department of Justice attorney; Edwin Hale and John D. Moore of New York. To-morrow Bourke Cockran of New York will appear against the bill, with the claim that they might be used to prevent activities in this country in behalf of Irish freedom.

Mr. Bettman said the proposed bills are unconstitutional and unnecessary at this time.

The committee was started by two statements of Mr. Hale, during the war a Captain of the Army Intelligence Department, that newspapers of the country and the Department of Justice had planted most of the bombs usually alleged to be the work of revolutionists. Immediate questions by committee members revealed that Mr. Hale could not back up either charge.

Attorney-General Palmer later issued a statement in which he said that he had approved the Sterling and Graham bills. Continuing the statement he said:

"An entirely erroneous impression of my attitude toward the Sterling, Graham and Sedition bills has gone out through the press. My position in regard to sedition legislation is the same to-day as it has been since I first submitted, in response to a request of the Senate committee, a tentative draft of a measure which in my opinion will cover all the needs of the situation. I have at no time personally or officially expressed approval of the provisions of any sedition measure except the one submitted in my report to the Senate and which has been introduced in the House by Congressman Davey."

Misling Arrest Order Stands.

Justice Finch of the Supreme Court denied yesterday the application of Charles Recht, attorney for Dr. Michael Misling, former treasurer of the Russian Federation, for an order vacating the order of arrest issued by Supreme Court Davis against Misling for contempt of court. Misling was held guilty of contempt for refusing to answer questions which the Lusk committee put to him during the legislative inquiry into Socialist activity. Misling has not been arrested.

Negroes Against Sedition Bill.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced yesterday that its representatives will appear in Washington to protest the enactment of the Graham sedition bill. The clause objected to is one which it is said will exclude from the mails negro publications protesting against injustices to the race.

KANE OUT, PROTESTS PALMER'S RED RAIDS

U. S. Attorney in Philadelphia Unsympathetic With Anti-Communist Policy.

ESPIONAGE BILL UNWISE

Suggests Hunting Profiteering Munitions Makers and Tax Delinquents.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23.—Francis Fisher Kane, United States Attorney for Eastern Pennsylvania, made public to-day his letters of resignation, in which he said he quit office because he did not approve the wholesale raiding of radicals recently carried out by the Department of Justice; was opposed to the enactment of a new espionage act "with teeth in it," and because he was opposed to the "general drift" of Attorney-General Palmer's policies.

Mr. Kane's letters to President Wilson and Mr. Palmer are dated January 12. Mr. Kane has been a supporter of the Palmer-McCormick wing of the Democratic party and was appointed by President Wilson soon after the latter took office and was reappointed when the President was reelected.

In his letter to the President Mr. Kane said: "I am obliged to take this step because I feel out of sympathy with the anti-radical policies of Mr. Palmer and his methods of carrying them out."

"I am strongly opposed to the wholesale raiding of aliens that is being carried on throughout the country with a view to putting through deportations under the act of October 16, 1918. To my mind this policy is both unwise and unjust. I am also utterly opposed to the enactment of a new espionage act 'with teeth in it' now that we are, to all intents and purposes, at peace."

Would Repress Free Speech.

"I believe that the enforcement of such a new act as Mr. Palmer has proposed would lead to an entirely unnecessary repression of free speech and interference with the liberty of the press. I could not conscientiously and wholeheartedly take part in the enforcement of such a law."

Mr. Kane in his letter to Attorney-General Palmer protested against the contemplated Communist party raids, but the Attorney-General wrote that he was too late.

Mr. Kane disagrees with Mr. Palmer's statement that there does not seem to be any question of policy involved in the recommendations.

"As I read the manifestoes of the Communist party," he wrote, "it does not expressly stand for the overthrow of this Government by force, and it is surely a question of policy, not one of law, whether the Department of Justice should take the initiative and cause raids against the alien members of the party."

"It is one thing to debar an alien coming into this country by administrative methods, but it is quite another to deprive a man who has been in the country a long time and who perhaps has a wife and children here of what we are accustomed to think of as constitutional rights."

Would Drive Reds Under Ground.

"In the present raids we appear to be attempting to repress a political party. It has a platform most of which is highly objectionable to you and me. So much I grant you, but it calls itself a political party and holds open meetings and discussions. Consequently we ought not to raid it unless we are absolutely compelled to do so in order to enforce the law, for by such methods we will drive underground and make dangerous what was not dangerous before. Is it necessary to protect our American workmen from the vast number of steady, law-abiding foreign born workmen from the influence of a handful of Russians and Russian Jews in love with the Soviet form of Government? To my mind such protection is entirely unnecessary."

"Munition manufacturers and many other persons made rich by the war are seeking to dodge the payment of their taxes. The enforcement of the law against them is of prime importance. There are also fraudulent contractors who during the war have grown rich, and there are, as you know, corrupt Government agents using their offices for illicit gain. The punishment of these people is infinitely more important than the pursuit of the 'radicals.'"

JAPANESE PUBLISHER HELD.

Red Raid in New York Leads to Arrest in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23.—Yojiro Nakadate, former publisher of a Japanese magazine in the East, was arrested here to-day by United States operatives in connection with nationwide Communist raids.

Evidence against Nakadate, who was said to be the first of his race identified with Communist activities in the United States, was secured in a recent raid upon Communist party headquarters in New York, arresting officers said.

NEW NOTE ISSUE FOR SERBIA.

Will Replace Old Currency at Rate of Four to One.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The Serbian Government has authorized the issue of a new series of notes to be accepted as dinars or crowns at the rate of one to four, the State Department was advised to-day.

The current crown notes issued by the Austro-Hungarian Bank and the currency dinar notes issued by the National Bank of Serbia are to be withdrawn gradually from circulation in favor of the new notes.



\$18.75

\$19.50

\$75.00

\$125.00

\$49.50

\$35.00

\$15.75

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Seventeen Items of Most Unusual Interest to Misses, Women and Children

Boys' Serviceable Suits at \$18.75

Extra Knickers included. Smart pleated, plain and Norfolk modes, skillfully produced in colorful mixtures. Sizes 7 to 18 years.

Same models in All Wool Serge—one pair Knickers—\$18.75

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Boys' Winter Overcoats Saturday, \$18.75

Coats that will give the best of service because they are tailored right. Double-breasted, with full belts, produced in overcoatings of known dependability. Sizes 10 to 18 years.

Second Floor.

Women's Wool Jersey Frocks at \$19.50

Very charming Coatee models tastefully braided, and dainty straight line styles tastefully hand-embroidered. The ideal frock for afternoon and street wear. To be had in

Reindeer, Taupe, Brown, Flemish Blue, and Navy Blue. One style pictured.

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Junior Boys' Overcoats Saturday, \$13

Unequaled value. Swagger double breasted model, skillfully tailored in a variety of durable overcoatings—Novelty Mixtures, Navy Blue Chevrons, and Grey Chinchillas. Sizes 3 to 10 years.

Second Floor.

Misses' New Spring Frocks Saturday, \$35

Remarkable values. Youthful Frocks with all the newest style touches—ruffled skirts, Bouffant hip effects, shirred Basque bodices and short girlish sleeves. Fashioned of Lustrous Taffeta, Crepe de Chine and Georgette Crepe, in street and afternoon shades. Sizes 14 to 18 years.

Second Floor.

Women's Silvertip Chinchilla Coats, \$55

For one day only. Swagger belted model in tailleur effect, made of fine quality Silvertip Chinchilla, lined with good quality silk, and warmly interlined. All the wanted colors, and sizes 34 to 48.

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New Pongee Frocks for Girls, Saturday at \$15.75

The very newest of frocks for girls from 12 to 16 years—as pictured. Smart two-piece model, fashioned of Natural Pongee Silk. Coatee is elaborately embroidered, and finished with sash.

Second Floor.

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Formerly \$65 to \$75. Youthful belted and full back styles, in all the successful materials, with large collars of Australian or Skunk-Opossum, Raccoon, Nutria or Dyed Seal. Each coat beautifully lined and interlined.

Second Floor.

Women's Ultra-Smart Coats Saturday Only, \$75

Handsome Coats of Yalama Velour with large shawl collar of Nutria—as pictured. Beautifully tailored and lined throughout with silk of excellent quality, and heavily interlined.

Also many other equally charming models, strictly tailored or fur trimmed. Sizes 34 to 48.

Fourth Floor.

90 Girls' Silk Frocks

Regularly \$16.75 to \$22.50

At \$12.95

The ample line of a highly dependable manufacturer. Real girlish models, all beautifully made of Lustrous Taffeta in the most successful shades. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Second Floor.

300 Fine Silk Petticoats Special, \$7.95

The best value in really high grade petticoats offered for some time. Made of superior quality Satins and Radium Silk, flounce trimmed with tucks and pleated ruffle. Fine assortment of colors.

Third Floor.

Women's Spring Model Suits at \$49.50

Spring's newest Suits, developed in materials suited to immediate wear. Demi-tailleur, belted, and straight line effects—one as pictured—tailored according to a very high standard in Yalama Cloth and Velour. All the most wanted shades.

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Women's French Seal Coats (Seal-dyed Coney)

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Fourth Floor.

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Main Floor.

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20-year cases, 7-jewel movement, gold dial, ribbon or convertible bracelet. One day only.

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